



NLEX ready to implement reduced toll rates The Manila North Tollways Corp. (MNTC) said it is set to implement starting December 20 the new toll fees at the North Luzon Expressway (NLEX). The adjusted toll fees are, on the average, 10% lower than the current levels.

The downgraded toll rates were originally set to take effect on January 1, 2007, but MNTC advanced its implementation to December 20.

The Toll Regulatory Board (TRB) made public yesterday the approved new toll fee schedule to be in force at NLEX Phase I (Balintawak toll plaza in Quezon City and Sta. Ines in Mabalacat, Pampanga) for two years ending on Dec. 31, 2009.

"As we have declared at the beginning, during the toll rate fixing process, the NLEX toll rates will adjust based on such factors as the rates of currency exchange and of inflation," MNTC President Jose "Ping" de Jesus said.

According to the Supplemental Toll Operations Agreement (STOA) signed between MNTC and the government, the NLEX toll rates are adjusted every two years. "That time has come," De Jesus added.

MNTC vice president for corporate communications Marlene Ochoa said the adjustments were based on the company's toll fee formula, and was made possible by the peso's strong

performance in the foreign exchange market as well as by the steady inflation rate at home.

The factors in the toll rate formula are a fixed base rate and an adjustment factor with three main elements--a yearly escalation of one percent, peso-dollar exchange rate movements and the consumer price index.

Meanwhile, the MNTC expressed optimism that the reduced toll fees would encourage more people to travel to the North during the Christmas holidays and beyond.



MANILA NORTH TOLLWAYS CORPORATION
NORTH LUZON EXPRESSWAY (Balintawak - Sta. Ines and Subic - Tipo)
TOLL FARE TABLE
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2007

VEHICLE CLASS	Open system (per entry)	Closed system (per km)
Class 1	38.00	2.20
Class 2	94.00	5.49
Class 3	113.00	6.59

CLASS 1												
Toll Plaza	BWK	VAL	MEY	MAR	BOC	STR	PUL	SNM	SNF	MXC	ANG	DAU
Valenzuela	38											
Meycauayan	38	38										
Marilao	38	38	38									
Bocaue	46	46	46	46								
Tabang	67	67	67	67	21							
Sta. Rita	70	70	70	70	24							
Pulilan	85	85	85	85	39	15						
San Simon	110	110	110	110	64	41	26					
San Fernando	130	130	130	130	84	60	45	19				
Mexico	145	145	145	145	99	76	61	35	16			
Angeles	164	164	164	164	118	94	79	53	34	18		
Dau	180	180	180	180	134	110	95	70	50	35	16	
Sta. Ines	180	180	180	180	134	110	95	70	50	35	16	12

CLASS 2												
Toll Plaza	BWK	VAL	MEY	MAR	BOC	STR	PUL	SNM	SNF	MXC	ANG	DAU
Valenzuela	94											
Meycauayan	94	94										
Marilao	94	94	94									
Bocaue	115	115	115	115								
Tabang	166	166	166	166	52							
Sta. Rita	174	174	174	174	59							
Pulilan	211	211	211	211	97	37						
San Simon	275	275	275	275	160	101	64					
San Fernando	324	324	324	324	209	150	113	49				
Mexico	362	362	362	362	248	189	151	87	39			
Angeles	409	409	409	409	294	235	198	134	85	46		
Dau	449	449	449	449	334	275	238	174	125	86	40	
Sta. Ines	449	449	449	449	334	275	238	174	125	86	40	29

CLASS 3												
Toll Plaza	BWK	VAL	MEY	MAR	BOC	STR	PUL	SNM	SNF	MXC	ANG	DAU
Valenzuela	113											
Meycauayan	113	113										
Marilao	113	113	113									
Bocaue	138	138	138	138								
Tabang	200	200	200	200	62							
Sta. Rita	209	209	209	209	71							
Pulilan	254	254	254	254	116	45						
San Simon	330	330	330	330	193	122	77					
San Fernando	389	389	389	389	251	180	135	58				
Mexico	435	435	435	435	297	227	182	105	47			
Angeles	491	491	491	491	353	282	237	160	102	55		
Dau	539	539	539	539	401	330	285	209	150	104	48	
Sta. Ines	539	539	539	539	401	330	285	209	150	104	48	35

Segment 7 (Subic-Tipo) - 8.5kms	
Class 1	19
Class 2	47
Class 3	56